

IN THE CLAIMS

13. (currently amended) A weighing machine for weighing batches of material, said weighing machine comprising

a frame portion on which a central distributor, a plurality of transporters and a plurality of scales are mounted, ~~and~~ wherein the transporters are arranged around the central distributor ~~and configured with a view to for~~ transporting material ~~from the distributor and~~ radially outwards from the central distributor ~~and~~ to the scales, and

~~characterised in that the weighing machine comprises one or more substantially uninterrupted shields in the form of screen faces that all extend outwards and downwards underneath the transporters in the an operative position of the weighing machine.~~

14. (previously presented) A weighing machine according to claim 13, **characterised in** that the uninterrupted shield extends from a point underneath the distributor and outwards and

downwards underneath at least that end of the transporters that faces towards the central distributor in the operative position of the machine.

15. (previously presented) A weighing machine according to claim 13, **characterised in** that each of the transporters comprises a groove with a first end that faces towards the central distributor and another open end that faces towards one or more scales, and wherein the groove is delimited by two lateral edges that extend between the first and the second open end.

16. (currently amended) A weighing machine ~~according to claim 13~~ for weighing batches of material, said weighing machine comprising

a frame portion on which a central distributor, a plurality of transporters and a plurality of scales are mounted, wherein the transporters are arranged around the

central distributor and configured with a view to transporting material from the distributor and radially outwards from the central distributor and to the scales, characterized in that the weighing machine comprises one or more substantially uninterrupted shields in the form of screen faces that extend outwards and downwards underneath the transporters in an operative position of the weighing machine,

characterised in that the screen faces ~~comprises~~ comprise frustoconical faces that are made of a plate material, and that at the bottom the screen faces end in a relatively sharp edge with a view to forming a drop catcher for liquid, if any, that runs down the screen faces.

17. (previously presented) A weighing machine according to claim 16, **characterised in** that the screen faces further comprise cylindrical faces that extend from a frustoconical face and downwards from its lowermost edge.

18. (currently amended) A weighing machine ~~according to claim~~
~~13~~ for weighing batches of material, said weighing machine
comprising

a frame portion on which a central distributor, a
plurality of transporters and a plurality of scales are
mounted, wherein the transporters are arranged around the
central distributor and configured with a view to transporting
material from the distributor and radially outwards from the
central distributor and to the scales, characterized in that
the weighing machine comprises one or more substantially
uninterrupted shields in the form of screen faces that extend
outwards and downwards underneath the transporters in an
operative position of the weighing machine,

characterised in that, at the lowermost edge of the
screen faces, a collector groove or a collector tray is
configured with a view to collecting material that drops from
the distributor or transporters and that will, via the screen
faces, proceed into the collector groove.

19. (previously presented) A weighing machine according to claim 18, **characterised in** that an outlet from the collector groove is configured in particular for liquids that are collected in the collector groove.

20. (previously presented) A weighing machine according to claim 13, **characterised in** that the screen faces constitute a part of the frame construction of the weighing machine, and wherein the central distributor, the transporters and/or the scales are mounted on the screen face by means of fittings intended therefor.

21. (previously presented) A weighing machine according to claim 20, **characterised in** that the fittings are configured such that they permit material that runs or slides down the screen face to run or slide past the fitting.

22. (previously presented) A weighing machine according to claim 21, **characterised in** that the fittings comprise substantially plane plate flanges that are attached to the screen face in such a manner that the plane of the plate flange extends substantially vertically or slantingly downwards.

23. (previously presented) A weighing machine according to claim 22, **characterised in** that the weighing machine comprises a computer ia for collecting weighing data from the scales and for controlling the transporters, and wherein at least a part of the weighing machine computer is located underneath the screen face.

24. (previously presented) A weighing machine according to claim 23, **characterised in** that a number of liquid nozzles are configured underneath the screen face, said nozzles being

connected to a liquid conduit with a view to sweeping and cleaning the screen face with cleaning liquid.

25. A weighing machine according to claim 15, **characterised in** that the screen face extends substantially uninterrupted from a place underneath the central distributor and out below the other end of the grooves.